French-Canadian Genealogical Society of Connecticut, Inc.

2027 Scholarship Program Guidelines

The purpose of the French-Canadian Genealogical Society of Connecticut's Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to a deserving high school graduating senior or Society member of French-Canadian extraction who intends to pursue a course of study at either a two-year or four-year educational institution.

FCGSC offers an educational scholarship of $1000 to a student for full or part time attendance at a two or four-year regionally accredited college or university or a state-approved and licensed career school. **NOTE: Scholarship funds will only be awarded to the student upon FCGSC receipt of evidence of registration in an accredited educational institution.**

Criteria and eligibility (FCGSC Scholarship applicants)

1. Applicant must be a current member or the child or grandchild of a current FCGSC member.
2. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior or returning post-secondary education student.
3. Applicant must have at least a 2.7 grade point average (or a "B-" average).
4. Applicant may receive this scholarship no more than twice.

General Instructions

1. SUBMISSION DEADLINE: applications must be **postmarked by Monday, May 10, 2027,** or **received by FCGSC by 4:00 PM, Saturday May 15, 2027**.
2. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., references, forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space.
4. Previous recipients applying for a second year's scholarship should include an updated personal essay and transcript. It is not necessary to re-submit your lineage.
5. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered. You may also download a copy of the application online at www.fcgsc.org .
6. Applicants will be notified of scholarship committee decisions by June 12, 2027.
7. If you have any questions about the application, you may call 860-872-2597 and leave message or email info@fcgsc.org with Scholarship in the Subject line.

Application Process

Applicants must submit the following:

1. Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly in ink)
2. Two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals with significant knowledge of your experience and involvement: your high school teachers, administrators, counselors, employers, pastor, etc.
3. A copy of your most recent official high school or college transcript with cumulative grade point average. If one is not available, please explain.
4. A single-line lineage for yourself, going back to an ancestor who immigrated to Canada or the U.S.
5. An original personal Essay of no more than three (3) typed pages, double-spaced, 12 pt / Times New Roman font. Essay should describe what you have learned about the life of your immigrant ancestor.

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Scholarship 2027

	Date of Application:

Please **type** or **print** your answers. If application is illegible, it will not be considered for the scholarship.

How did you hear about this scholarship?

1.	Last Name:	First Name:
2.	Mailing Address: Street: _____Apt._____ City: State: ZIP:	
3.	Daytime Phone: Email:	
4.	Date of Birth: Month Day Year	
5.	Are you: current FCGSC member ☐ child ☐ grandchild ☐ of a current FCGSC member	
6.	Current High School, College or Career School:	Number of years attended:
7.	I will be attending the following school in the Fall of 2027: Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment from the above school is **required prior to funds being released.**	
8.	I will be entering the above-mentioned school as a: (Circle one) Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Other	
9.	Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent **official** school transcript required. Explain if current transcript is not available	
10.	If under 18, name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Use reverse side of application if necessary. Name (s) _____ Street: _____City:_____ State: _____ Zip:_____ Home phone of parent or legal guardian:	
11.	What specialty/major do you plan to pursue as you continue your education?	
12	Please list your academic honors, awards and membership activities:	

13.	Please list your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities:
14.	**Personal Essay:** Please submit a personal essay as described below, or update your essay from a previous application. Describe, in no more than three (3) pages (typed, double-spaced using 12 pt Times New Roman font), what you have learned about an ancestor who immigrated to Canada or the U.S. This essay might include how French-Canadian heritage and family traditions impacted their lives or your life; or how their experiences, as a stranger in a new county, shaped their lives or lives of their children and grandchildren. Please ensure that your essay is free from typos and grammatical errors.
15.	**Application Checklist**: Check the list to be sure you have attached each item. Applications must be postmarked by May 10, 2027 or received at FCGSC by May 15, 2027. Your application will not be considered if the following items are not attached to this application.
	Application form. All questions are answered completely.
	Two (2) Letters of Recommendation.
	Most recent official high school or college transcript. Photocopies of your transcript are acceptable, if transcript photocopy is signed by a guidance counselor, principal, or registrar. Explain if this is not available.
	Single line lineage. If a lineage has been submitted in a previous application, this may be omitted.
	Personal Essay. Essay of no more than three (3) pages, typed, double-spaced, using 12 pt / Times New Roman font. Please ensure your essay is free from typos and grammatical errors.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Society's scholarship program.

I understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of applicant's guardian/parent if under 18:

_____ Date: _____

Send completed application to: FCGSC Scholarship Committee
Mail to: P.O. Box 928, Tolland, CT 06081-0928
OR email to: info@fcgsc.org